



Texas Department of Insurance

Division of Workers' Compensation

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution, MS-48

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MEDICAL FEE DISPUTE RESOLUTION FINDINGS AND DECISION

GENERAL INFORMATION

Requestor Name and Address

ECTOR COUNTY HOSPITAL
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ARLINGTON TX 76013

Respondent Name

Travelers Casualty & Surety Co

Carrier's Austin Representative Box

Box Number 05

MFDR Tracking Number

M4-13-0975-01

MFDR Date Received

December 10, 2012

REQUESTOR'S POSITION SUMMARY

Requestor's Position Summary: "...a balance of \$514.45 is due on this claim."

Amount in Dispute: \$514.46

RESPONDENT'S POSITION SUMMARY

Respondent's Position Summary: "The Carrier contends the Provider is incorrect in their assertions and is not entitled to additional reimbursement for the disputed services."

Response Submitted by: Travelers Casualty & Surety Co

SUMMARY OF FINDINGS

Date(s) of Service	Disputed Services	Amount In Dispute	Amount Due
June 2, 2012	Outpatient Hospital Services	\$514.46	\$0.00

FINDINGS AND DECISION

This medical fee dispute is decided pursuant to Texas Labor Code §413.031 and all applicable, adopted rules of the Texas Department of Insurance, Division of Workers' Compensation.

Background

1. 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307 sets out the procedures for resolving medical fee disputes.
2. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403, titled *Hospital Facility Fee Guideline – Outpatient*, sets out the reimbursement guidelines for facility services provided in an outpatient acute care hospital.
3. 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.203, titled *Medical Fee Guideline for Professional Services*, sets out the reimbursement guidelines for professional medical services.
4. The services in dispute were reduced/denied by the respondent with the following reason codes:
 - W1 – WORKERS COMPENSATION STATE FEE SCHEDULE ADJUSTMENT.
 - INCL – PACKAGED SERVICES ARE INCLUDED IN THE APC RATE.
 - TXAP – PRICED ACCORDING TO THE STATE APC FEE SCHEDULE RATE.

Issues

1. What is the applicable rule for determining reimbursement for the disputed services?
2. What is the recommended payment amount for the services in dispute?
3. Is the requestor entitled to reimbursement?

Findings

1. This dispute relates to facility services performed in an outpatient hospital setting with reimbursement subject to the provisions of 28 Texas Administrative Code §134.403, which requires that the reimbursement calculation used for establishing the maximum allowable reimbursement (MAR) shall be the Medicare facility specific amount, including outlier payment amounts, determined by applying the most recently adopted and effective Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS) reimbursement formula and factors as published annually in the Federal Register with the application of minimal modifications as set forth in the rule. Per §134.403(f)(1), the sum of the Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount and any applicable outlier payment amount shall be multiplied by 200 percent, unless a facility or surgical implant provider requests separate reimbursement of implantables. Review of the submitted documentation finds that separate reimbursement for implantables is not applicable.
2. Under the Medicare Outpatient Prospective Payment System (OPPS), each billed service is assigned an Ambulatory Payment Classification (APC) based on the procedure code used, the supporting documentation and the other services that appear on the bill. A payment rate is established for each APC. Depending on the services provided, hospitals may be paid for more than one APC per encounter. Payment for ancillary and supportive items and services, including services that are billed without procedure codes, is packaged into payment for the primary service. A full list of APCs is published quarterly in the OPPS final rules which are publicly available through the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) website. Reimbursement for the disputed services is calculated as follows:
 - Procedure code Q9966 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
 - Procedure code 73070 has a status indicator of X, which denotes ancillary services paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0260, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$44.84. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$26.90. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.969 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$26.07. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$17.94. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$44.01. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$1,900. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$44.01. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$88.02.
 - Per Medicare policy, procedure code 73100 may not be reported with procedure code 73110 billed on the same claim. Payment for this service is included in the payment for the primary procedure. Separate payment is not recommended.
 - Procedure code 72170 has a status indicator of X, which denotes ancillary services paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0260, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$44.84. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$26.90. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.969 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$26.07. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$17.94. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$44.01. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$1,900. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$44.01. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$88.02.
 - Procedure code 73110 has a status indicator of X, which denotes ancillary services paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0260, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$44.84. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$26.90. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.969 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$26.07. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$17.94. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$44.01. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$1,900. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$44.01. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$88.02.
 - Procedure code 71010 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC ; however, review of the submitted information finds that the criteria for composite payment have not been met. Therefore, this line may be paid separately. This line is assigned status indicator X, which denotes ancillary services paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0260, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$44.84. This amount multiplied by 60% yields

an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$26.90. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.969 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$26.07. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$17.94. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$44.01. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$1,900. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$44.01. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$88.02.

- Procedure code 70450 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC 8006. This service meets the criteria for composite payment. A service that is assigned to a composite APC is a major component of a single episode of care. The hospital receives one payment through a composite APC for multiple major separately identifiable services. Payment for any combination of designated procedures performed on the same date is packaged into a single payment. If a claim includes a composite payment that pays for more than one otherwise separately paid service, the charges for all services included in the composite are summed up to one line. To determine outlier payments, a single cost for the composite APC is estimated from the summarized charges. Total packaged cost is allocated to the composite line-item in proportion to other separately paid services on the claim. The payment for composite services is calculated below. This line is assigned status indicator S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment.
- Procedure code 70486 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC 8006. This service meets the criteria for composite payment. A service that is assigned to a composite APC is a major component of a single episode of care. The hospital receives one payment through a composite APC for multiple major separately identifiable services. Payment for any combination of designated procedures performed on the same date is packaged into a single payment. If a claim includes a composite payment that pays for more than one otherwise separately paid service, the charges for all services included in the composite are summed up to one line. To determine outlier payments, a single cost for the composite APC is estimated from the summarized charges. Total packaged cost is allocated to the composite line-item in proportion to other separately paid services on the claim. The payment for composite services is calculated below. This line is assigned status indicator S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment.
- Procedure code 74177 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC 8006. This service meets the criteria for composite payment. A service that is assigned to a composite APC is a major component of a single episode of care. The hospital receives one payment through a composite APC for multiple major separately identifiable services. Payment for any combination of designated procedures performed on the same date is packaged into a single payment. If a claim includes a composite payment that pays for more than one otherwise separately paid service, the charges for all services included in the composite are summed up to one line. To determine outlier payments, a single cost for the composite APC is estimated from the summarized charges. Total packaged cost is allocated to the composite line-item in proportion to other separately paid services on the claim. The payment for composite services is calculated below. This line is assigned status indicator S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment.
- Procedure code 71260 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC 8006. This service meets the criteria for composite payment. A service that is assigned to a composite APC is a major component of a single episode of care. The hospital receives one payment through a composite APC for multiple major separately identifiable services. Payment for any combination of designated procedures performed on the same date is packaged into a single payment. If a claim includes a composite payment that pays for more than one otherwise separately paid service, the charges for all services included in the composite are summed up to one line. To determine outlier payments, a single cost for the composite APC is estimated from the summarized charges. Total packaged cost is allocated to the composite line-item in proportion to other separately paid services on the claim. The payment for composite services is calculated below. This line is assigned status indicator S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment.
- Procedure code 72125 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC 8006. This service meets the criteria for composite payment. A service that is assigned to a composite APC is a major component of a single episode of care. The hospital receives one payment through a composite APC for multiple major separately identifiable services. Payment for any combination of designated procedures performed on the same date is packaged into a single payment. If a claim includes a composite payment that pays for more than one otherwise separately paid service, the charges for all services included

in the composite are summed up to one line. To determine outlier payments, a single cost for the composite APC is estimated from the summarized charges. Total packaged cost is allocated to the composite line-item in proportion to other separately paid services on the claim. The payment for composite services is calculated below. This line is assigned status indicator S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment.

- Procedure code 12011 has a status indicator of T, which denotes a significant procedure subject to multiple-procedure discounting. The highest paying status T procedure is paid at 100%; all others are paid at 50%. This procedure is paid at 50%. These services are classified under APC 0133, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$83.63. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$50.18. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.969 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$48.62. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$33.45. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$82.07. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$1,900. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line, including multiple-procedure discount, is \$41.04. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$82.08.
- Procedure code 25605 has a status indicator of T, which denotes a significant procedure subject to multiple-procedure discounting. The highest paying status T procedure is paid at 100%; all others are paid at 50%. This procedure is paid at 100%. These services are classified under APC 0138, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$356.51. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$213.91. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.969 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$207.28. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$142.60. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$349.88. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$1,900. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$349.88. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$699.76.
- Procedure code 99285 has a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. If OPPS criteria are met, this service is assigned to composite APC ; however, review of the submitted information finds that the criteria for composite payment have not been met. Therefore, this line may be paid separately. This line is assigned status indicator V, which denotes a clinic or emergency department visit paid under OPPS with separate APC payment. These services are classified under APC 0616, which, per OPPS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$323.58. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$194.15. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.969 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$188.13. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$129.43. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$317.56. The cost of these services does not exceed the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$1,900. The outlier payment amount is \$0. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line is \$317.56. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$635.12.
- Procedure code 99144 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
- Per Medicare policy, procedure code 96375 may not be reported with procedure code 25605 billed on the same claim. Payment for this service is included in the payment for the primary procedure. Separate payment is not recommended.
- Per Medicare policy, procedure code 96374 may not be reported with procedure code 99285 billed on the same claim. Payment for this service is included in the payment for the primary procedure. Separate payment is not recommended.
- Procedure code 96376 has a status indicator of N, which denotes packaged items and services with no separate APC payment; payment is packaged into the reimbursement for other services, including outliers.
- Procedure codes 70450, 70486, 74177, 71260, and 72125 have a status indicator of Q3, which denotes conditionally packaged codes that may be paid through a composite APC. A service that is assigned to a composite APC is a major component of a single episode of care. The hospital receives one payment through a composite APC for multiple major separately identifiable services. Payment for any combination of designated procedures performed on the same date is packaged into a single payment. These services are assigned to composite APC 8006, for computed tomography (CT) services including contrast. If a "without contrast" CT procedure is performed on the same date of service as a "with contrast" CT, APC 8006 is assigned rather than APC 8005. If a claim includes a composite payment that pays for more than one otherwise separately paid service, the charges for all services included in the composite are summed up to one line. To determine outlier payments, a single cost for the composite APC is estimated from the summarized charges. Total packaged cost is allocated to the composite line-item in proportion to other separately paid services on the claim. This line is assigned status indicator S, which denotes a significant procedure, not subject to multiple-procedure discounting, paid under OPPS with separate APC payment.

These services are classified under APC 8006, which, per OPPTS Addendum A, has a payment rate of \$721.75. This amount multiplied by 60% yields an unadjusted labor-related amount of \$433.05. This amount multiplied by the annual wage index for this facility of 0.969 yields an adjusted labor-related amount of \$419.63. The non-labor related portion is 40% of the APC rate or \$288.70. The sum of the labor and non-labor related amounts is \$708.33. Per 42 Code of Federal Regulations §419.43(d) and Medicare Claims Processing Manual, CMS Publication 100-04, Chapter 4, §10.7.1, if the total cost for a service exceeds 1.75 times the OPPTS payment and also exceeds the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$1,900, the outlier payment is 50% of the amount by which the cost exceeds 1.75 times the OPPTS payment. Per the OPPTS Facility-Specific Impacts file, CMS lists the cost-to-charge ratio for this provider as 0.247. This ratio multiplied by the billed charge of \$12,884.50 yields a cost of \$3,182.47. The total cost of all packaged items is allocated proportionately across all separately paid OPPTS services based on the percentage of the total APC payment. The APC payment for these services of \$708.33 divided by the sum of all APC payments is 44.47%. The sum of all packaged costs is \$581.44. The allocated portion of packaged costs is \$258.56. This amount added to the service cost yields a total cost of \$3,441.03. The cost of these services exceeds the annual fixed-dollar threshold of \$1,900. The amount by which the cost exceeds 1.75 times the OPPTS payment is \$2,201.45. 50% of this amount is \$1,100.73. The total Medicare facility specific reimbursement amount for this line, including outlier payment, is \$1,809.06. This amount multiplied by 200% yields a MAR of \$3,618.11.

3. The total allowable reimbursement for the services in dispute is \$5,387.15. This amount less the amount previously paid by the insurance carrier of \$6,289.69 leaves an amount due to the requestor of \$0.00. No additional reimbursement can be recommended.

Conclusion

For the reasons stated above, the Division finds that the requestor has not established that additional reimbursement is due. As a result, the amount ordered is \$0.00.

ORDER

Based upon the documentation submitted by the parties and in accordance with the provisions of Texas Labor Code §413.031, the Division has determined that the requestor is entitled to \$0.00 reimbursement for the disputed services.

Authorized Signature

Signature

Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Officer

July 30, 2013
Date

YOUR RIGHT TO APPEAL

Either party to this medical fee dispute has a right to seek review of this decision in accordance with 28 Texas Administrative Code §133.307, effective May 31, 2012, 37 *Texas Register* 3833, **applicable to disputes filed on or after June 1, 2012.**

A party seeking review must submit a **Request to Schedule a Benefit Review Conference to Appeal a Medical Fee Dispute Decision** (form **DWC045M**) in accordance with the instructions on the form. The request must be received by the Division within **twenty** days of your receipt of this decision. The request may be faxed, mailed or personally delivered to the Division using the contact information listed on the form or to the field office handling the claim.

The party seeking review of the MDR decision shall deliver a copy of the request to all other parties involved in the dispute at the same time the request is filed with the Division. **Please include a copy of the *Medical Fee Dispute Resolution Findings and Decision*** together with any other required information specified in 28 Texas Administrative Code §141.1(d).

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